Percentage of Banking Loans in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh

1561. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of banking loans given in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh comparing to other States of the country;

(b) what is the status of rural banking in these two States;

(c) what is the percentage of commercial loans sanctioned to the women of these two States; and

(d) what is the percentage of agricultural loans in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh compared to other States of the country alongwith details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (d) The details of the total loans/agriculture and allied activities loans and its percentage of total loans by the Scheduled Commercial Banks in various States in the country including Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh during the year 2004-05 are given in the Statement (see below).

(b) The status of rural banking network in the states of Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh as on 31st March, 2006 is given below:

State	Total No.* of bank branches	Of which No. of rural branches
Jharkhand	1695	1095
Chhattisgarh	1334	810

* Total number includes branches of Commercial Banks, Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs) & Primary Cooperative Agriculture & Rural Development Banks (PCARDs)

(c) RBI's data reporting system collects data on credit to women bank-wise from the Public Sector Banks and not state-wise.

Statement

State/U. T.-wise details of total loans/agriculture and allied activities loans by Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) during the year 2004-05

(Rs. in crores)

SI. No	Name of State/UT.	Total Loans	Agriculture & Allied Activities Loans	% of Total Loans
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	50.91	4.98	9.78
2.	Andhra Pradesh	19875.52	13363.51	67.24
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	25.35	7.86	31.01
4.	Assam	866.04	243.75	28.15
5.	Bihar	3399.42	2008.26	59.08
6.	Chandigarh	11	2.95	26.82
7.	Chhattisgarh	2110.26	913.76	43.30
8.	Daman & Diu	24.29	2.03	8.36
9.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	8.91,	1.43	16.05
10.	Delhi	83.84	16.2	19.32
11.	Goa	582	47	8.08
12.	Gujarat	8436.87	5831.6	69.12
13.	Haryana	11829.25	7911.79	66.88
14.	Himachal Pradesh	1699.35	590.28	34.74
15.	Jammu & Kashmir	1083.91	219.59	20.26
16.	Jharkhand	1541.08	437.4	28.38
17.	Karnataka	11317.79	5943.07	52.51
18.	Kerala	18370	6834.38	37.20
19.	Lakshadweep	2.69	1.28	47.58
20.	Madhya Pradesh	9937.06	5042.69	50.75
21.	Maharashtra	9703.3	6032.77	62.17
22.	Manipur	187.23	19.63	10.48
23.	Meghalaya	111.69	17.06	15.27
24.	Mizoram	137.59	21.75	15.81

SI. No.	Name of State/UT.	Total Loans	Agriculture & Allied Activities Loans	% of Total Loans
25.	Nagaland	37.53	14.22	37.89
26.	Orissa	4794.99	1814.79	37.85
27.	Pondicherry	243.29	79.56	32.70
28.	Punjab	18507.68	11323.89	61.18
29.	Rajasthan	8208.06	5178.32	63.09
30.	Sikkim	82.14	6.21	7.56
31.	Tamilnadu	18860.35	10328.75	54.76
32.	Tripura	186.93	48.97	26.20
33.	Uttar Pradesh	18405.27	11694.22	63.54
34.	Uttaranchal	1798.34	753.25	41.89
35.	West Bengal	4849.87	2065.61	42.59

Increase in prices of gold and silver

1562. SHRI N. R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of gold and silver are rising tremendously in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to bring down the prices of gold and silver;

(d) whether Government are aware that unaccounted money is being" invested in these two precious metals; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to arrest this phenomenon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) The price of gold per 10 grams in India from an average of Rs. 5,192 in April 2003 rose to touch Rs. 10,000 in second week of May, 2006. Silver prices, which remained stable during 2003 at an average of Rs. 8130 per kg. increased to over Rs. 20,000 in the second week of May, 2006. the movements in prices